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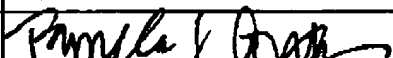
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Sir:

The *Office Action*, marked Final, Paper No. 18, from Examiner Tom Duong, dated 20 January 2004, has been received and carefully reviewed. In response thereto, Applicant clarifies the patentable distinctions between the cited prior art and the present invention, and respectfully submits that the cited references neither teach nor suggest the present invention.

Applicant further submits that the following amendments place the Application in condition for allowance and/or place the Application in better form for appeal. The amendments *do not* raise new matter issues or raise issues requiring further consideration or searches. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the pending *Final Office Action* for the following reasons and remarks.